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The Texas Lasso, by Will L. Sargent, published at Rayner, has been received at his office. It is a new candidate.

MARSHALL TANKERSLY, of Houston, is said to be earnestly yearning to step into "Cholly" Stewart's congressional shoes.

In noting the fact that another democratic congressman has been bounced, the Boston Herald observes that republican victories are confined almost exclusively to Washington nowadays.

SAM JONES says that the next best thing to religion is fun. It is doubtful whether the genuine article of religion can be found at Sam's gospel show, but what is lacking in that is made up in fun.

THE Austin Statesman serves notice that until after May 5 it will have no space for or inclination to boom politics. It is engaged in damming the Colorado—not, however, with faint praise.

THE farmers' club of Syracuse, N. Y., had a meeting the other day and resolved, "that to reduce the day's labor to eight hours would be ruinous and utterly impracticable to the farming business." That is what the BANNER has been saying. What has the farmers' alliance to do with the labor agitating saloon tramps in the cities?

THE Hartford Courant, a respectable and self-respecting republican paper, has no hesitation in declaring that on the question of the proposed "service pension" and the underlying question whether future pension legislation is to be an affair of reason and common sense or reckless extravagance and demagogism, the old soldiers of Connecticut are with Gen. Hawley and Gen. Grant—fornist it.

J. M. DRAKE, the murderous brute who killed Prof. S. L. Guinn at Waco in the presence of his little babies, because the victim owed him a few dollars for house rent, has again been convicted at Hillsboro on a charge of venue, and this time will hang if the learned court of appeals doesn't discover that the dot over the "i" in spelling the name of "Guinn" in the indictment is only a fly speck instead of a genuine dot.

NEW YORK STATE: Republicanism is for the most government; democracy for the least. A vast paternal despotism, paralyzing local administration and independence, and checking the free play of individual and state initiative, is the republican ideal. The democratic ideal is a federation of self-governing communities, with which the general government should interfere only in so far as the constitution strictly and faithfully interpreted gives it the power.

BOSTON HERALD: Ex-Governor Robinson undoubtedly means well, but when he says of President Harrison's administration that "we have no reason to be in the slightest degree ashamed of it," he is not felicitous in his wording. He seems to gather courage to give it something more than negative praise later on in his Norfolk Club speech, but he does not do this without prefacing it with the remark, "I dare to say," as if it required an extraordinary amount of courage to make the assertion. It probably would at Washington.

Brigadier-General Nelson A. Miles has been promoted to the major-generalship made vacant by the death of General Crook. Miles is a brave and efficient officer and thoroughly deserving of his good fortune.—Houston Post.

The Post and the late chieftain of the confederacy slightly differ in their estimates of the man and soldier. While Jefferson Davis was a prisoner at Fortress Monroe Miles was guilty of ungenerous and brutal treatment toward him, which Mr. Davis referred to in a posthumous paper in Belford's Magazine not long ago as "Andersonville and other War Prisons." In that paper Nelson A. Miles was sized up as a "heartless vulgarian."

THAT COMPOUND LARD BILL.

The board of trade at Greenville, Hunt county, met last week and adopted a memorial to congress, protesting against the passage of what is known as the Conger bill, and which is a proposition to tax cottonseed oil in the interest of the wealthy pork packers of the North. The resolution denounces the bill as a proposed piece of "vicious legislation," because it places a valuable food product under the exclusive control of the internal revenue department, whose powers should not be extended but abridged, and gives an unjust and unfair advantage to trade competitors by its oppressive tax, while internal regulation but tends to destroy a large and legitimate industry. There is no doubt that the proposed bill is as obnoxious and as unjust and as selfish a piece of class legislation as ever was proposed and is a downright abuse of the legislative power. It is not only a dishonest piece of legislation, but it is sumptuary legislation, seeking to control a man's taste, habits, food, drink and personal freedom. And it is not only sumptuary legislation, but it is, as the Louisville Courier-Journal remarks, the worst abuse of the taxing power, the worst example of over-legislation and of the extension of the parental functions of government on record. But chief of all, it is a mean piece of narrow, selfish and sectional legislation in the interest of the Northern lard manufacturer against the Southern farmer. The miserable excuse and flimsy pretext given for taxing cottonseed oil is that it is a cheap, vicious substitute for lard which should be legislated out of use by imposing a heavy tax. But the Philadelphia Medical Times, which is recognized as standard authority, says that the cottonseed oil compound is quite as wholesome and much cleaner and purer than lard, and remarks, as was suggested by this paper, that a fair proposition would be to compel manufacturers of compound lard to label it as such so no one would buy it as true hog's lard at the same price as regular lard. It further asserts that many thousand people of Philadelphia and other cities prefer compound lard to the unmixed product. On the other hand, it is a matter of fact developed by frequent legislative inquiries, that in the northern and western packeries diseased hogs are not uncommonly rendered into lard, and that the fat of the pizzlies, bum guts and offal that the buzzards will hardly touch, are worked up in the manufacture of "pure leaf lard." In fact northern manufactured hog lard is about the vilest, filthiest stuff imaginable. And this is the stuff that is to be protected at the expense of the Southern farmers.

If the young emperor of Germany doesn't come to a bad end or meet with a sudden terrible fate it will not be for the lack of evil prophecies concerning him. One of the newspaper correspondents has the following to say of the ambitious young kaiser:

Indications are that the young emperor of Germany will be as despotic as Frederick the Great. Already no one dares speak an opinion adverse to his for fear of his displeasure. No one of the political parties in Germany is strong enough to hold the balance of power alone, and so the young emperor has things mostly his own way. But sooner or later accumulated truth bursts like a storm all at once upon the heads of autocrats who refuse to hear it in the natural course.

It takes a woman to pick up her husband's cause and to settle old scores. It is said that the wife of Col. Two-Dollar-Bill Dudley most ungraciously snubbed the mistress of the White House recently because her husband had been so shabbily treated by the president. They met in a store and Mrs. Harrison advanced to shake hands when Mrs. Dudley insisted she did not know her and walked away.

The bolt from the g. o. p. has struck the newspapers. The Nebraska City Staats Zeitung, the leading German republican paper of Nebraska, has announced its conversion to democracy. It says the administration of Harrison, the Small, prohibition and the republican game of grab were too much for it.

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